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by "Carlos Caro" <cjcaro35@hotmail.com>
- 58) [81613] ARCI QRP Fall QSO Party
by Randy Foltz <rfoltz@turbonet.com>

Date: Wed, 18 Oct 2000 17:15:07 -0600
From: "Karl B. Staddon" <ve6kbs@agt.net>
To: w5usj@globeco.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [81556] Re: FS: JPS ANC-4
Message-ID: <39EE2EFB.A1266121@agt.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Chuck, I don't need your ANC-4, I've got one. I am, however, interested in the resistor mod you referred to. What exactly does it do? Was it worth doing in retrospect? How do you do the mod? Should I do it to my unit?

Cheers
Karl B. Staddon
VE6KBS
CALGARY, ALBERTA

Chuck Carpenter wrote:

> Folks,
>
> JPS ANC-4 noise canceller.
>
> Don't need this thing any longer. Sell it for \$60 firm. I'll ship Con US.
>
> I made a resistor mod that allowed it to work better at low power levels.
> Can be reversed.
>
> Chuck Carpenter, Point, Rains Co., TX - EM22cv, RARA #3, NETXQRP #1
> ARCI #5422, QRP-L #1306, SOC #57, Six Club #201, SMIRK #6275

Date: Wed, 18 Oct 2000 19:47:46 -0400
From: Paul Stroud <aa4xx@ipass.net>
To: klqrp <Klqrp@applegate.org>
Cc: nogaqrp@qth.net, QRP-L <QRP-L@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [81557] Portsmouth Island Sunday nite
Message-ID: <39EE36A2.A39D39FB@ipass.net>
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Hi Gang,

I'm planning on spending this coming Sunday night (Oct. 22) just south of Portsmouth Island, on the NC Outer Banks. The main purpose of this trip is to identify isolated coastal locations suitable for testing 80M and 160M kite-supported verticals. If the wind is sufficient, I'll check into the KLN Sunday night.

My selected site is the north side of New Drum Inlet, about midway between Cape Hatteras and Cape Lookout. Hurricane Dennis recently reopened an inlet which is about about 2 miles north of my campsite. Until that time, my site would have been considered the southern tip of Portsmouth Island...

The sea kayak will launch from the small town of Atlantic for the two mile crossing across Core Sound. The water is quite shallow for the

most part, averaging 1-3 feet deep. Slack tide at the inlet is around 10AM Sunday morning, so that's the time I am planning on arriving at the tip of the island. I'll catch the incoming tide around 11AM Monday morning for the paddle back to Atlantic.

If there is sufficient wind for the kite, I'll be listening around 3686.4 KHz from 8PM-9PM EDT Sunday local time (0000-0100Z Monday UTC). It would be fun to work some of you during that period. If anyone is interested in an 80M or 160M sked from Portsmouth Island after 0200Z Monday UTC, please let me know.

72, Paul AA4XX

Date: Wed, 18 Oct 2000 19:54:14 EDT
From: DYARNES@aol.com
To: crmabbott@mediaone.net, qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [81558] Re: Yaesu FT-817 QRP Rig...
Message-ID: <2f.bf8d510.271f9226@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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In a message dated 10/18/00 1:29:35 PM US Mountain Standard Time, crmabbott@mediaone.net writes:

<< I am a staunch supporter of QRP, but this is odd. I can get QRO rigs for the same price. This is starting to sound like, "double the price call it SUV and they will come....." >>

Are you sure? If the \$750 price I heard is right, that's not all that high. Remember, this is an all band rig--160 through 440 mhz! It's a junior FT-100. That sells for 1 kilobuck. Ten-Tec didn't knock that much off either when they sold the Scout versus the Argo.

Dave W7AQK

Date: Wed, 18 Oct 2000 20:00:54 EDT
From: DYARNES@aol.com
To: ki6ds@dpol.k12.ca.us, qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [81559] Re: Pacificon this weekend! The Brits Will Arrive Today
Message-ID: <47.23e9f5d.271f93b6@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

In a message dated 10/18/00 1:36:49 PM US Mountain Standard Time,
ki6ds@dpol.k12.ca.us writes:

<< Don't forget your SMK-1 for the QSO Party Friday night, don't forget your
Red Hot Radio for the Group Photo and FREE T-Shirt Saturday right after
George Heron's talk. >>

Doug and all Pacificon Attendees--

I suggest a rules change on the QSO party. In the interest of true QRP (and
conservation), let's dim the lights during the party, like down to nothing,
so those of us with our new NJQRP Club glow in the dark pens (I got mine
yesterday) can give them a real workout! They are pretty neat folks. They
even have a little QRP motto, "Do more with less", printed on them. I
certainly feel like I am getting my money's worth, and I'm glad I ordered
more than one. If you didn't order one, you may want to check and see if any
more are available.

Dave W7AQK

Date: Wed, 18 Oct 2000 21:20:11 -0400
From: n4qa@juno.com
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [81560] Whiterook MK-44 & MK-64 first impressions
Message-ID: <20001018.212015.-85767.0.n4qa@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Hi, y'all.

Brand spanking new MK-44 paddles arrived last week from the left coast.
Used 'em with the DSW-40 last Friday to work John, K1JD, in RI... I had
the legstrap on and everything! The '44 will be used mobile with the
DSW's, primarily.

In today's mail came a used MK-64 keyer from a gentleman down Tallahassee
way.

He had it up for auction at that e-place... I was tickled to get it for
half the price of a newern.

Tonight, used it with the DSW-40 (DSW-40 in "straight key" mode) to work
Jim, W1PID, in NH. He was also using a Whiterook with... a DSW-40 as a

matter of fact ! By the way, Jim, I forgot to mention on the air that your FB call reminds me of tuning parameters for servo-controls (Proportional, Integral, Derivative) which I understand about like I understand our favorite medium... the ether!
Anyway, this little machine will find employment in the mobile while connected to the likes of HW-7/8/9 and other rig's what lack "a keyer of their own".

The feel of these little guys is not like that of their up-town cousins (you know the ones :) .

However, they seem sufficient for their intended purposes... portable/mobile operations. Plus, they are just so cuuute!

73-1 & GE,
Bill, N4QA

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<http://dl.www.juno.com/get/tagj>.

Date: Wed, 18 Oct 2000 20:52:44 +0000
From: "Steven Weber" <kd1jv@moose.ncia.net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [81561] KITS: UPDATE, MS-15, 15 M rig
Message-ID: <200010190128.VAA00418@wolf.ncia.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Hi Gang,

We've only had 33 guys sign on for the MS-15 rig, so far. This suprising, given how great a QRP band 15 is and anyone with a 40 M dipole and tuner to tweak the SWR can get on this band. We really need a min of 50 to make a go of the kit, so here's hoping a few more will sign on.

A picture of the rig's prototype board can now be viewed at
<http://auction.nica.net/kbojack/ms-15.jpg>

I made a couple of changes to the board pictured, removed RIT parts (as it didn't work right) which made room for a second xtal in the VX0 to expand the tuning range. You can't see the IC's as they are soldered to the bottom of the board.

In case you missed the original post a few days ago, here's the spec's

of the rig:

Super het Rx, 3 xtal filter, 0.2 uv MDS, SA612A mixers, spkr drive.
VXO tuned, 21.00 to 21.062 Mhz.
Tx, 0-3 watts out, adjustable
Price, \$57.00 post paid.

If you'd like to reserve a kit, email me and will put you on the list. Thanks,

72,
Steve, KD1JV in the white Mountains of New Hampshire
"melt solder"

Date: Wed, 18 Oct 2000 21:30:37 -0400
From: "George Heron N2APB" <n2apb@erols.com>
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>, "NJQRP" <NJQRP@njqrp.org>
Subject: [81562] "80 Meter Squirt" Antenna from N2CX and NJQRP debuts at Pacificon
Message-ID: <00ac01c0396c\$3306aaa0\$0100000a@gheron>
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They say necessity is the mother of invention ... and one of QRP's top antenna gurus, Joe Everhart, N2CX, does it again. Joe wanted to operate 80m PSK with the prototype Warbler transceivers during our beta testing over the summer, but his home's lot size is somewhat restrictive. Therefore, Joe worked up a special dipole design and packaging to produce a reduced-size 80m antenna that will fit his needs ... and probably the needs of many others too!

The SQUIRT is a handy, lightweight antenna kit for 80-meter operation in limited space. Designed to be built with minimal tools by those with a few basic skills, its construction should take no longer than an afternoon. The end result is a compact dipole that will give a good account of itself while requiring only a small yard to erect and only a single high support. The Squirt was conceived as a companion to the PSK-80 "Warbler" PSK31 transceiver designed by Dave Benson, NN1G and sold by the NJQRP Club. But it is also a general-purpose 80-meter antenna that need not be dedicated to only PSK31 use. Although the Squirt tuner can probably only handle 10-15 watts due to its small tuning capacitor, the antenna itself is capable of operating with transmitters up to 50 watts or so.

See a color photo of the antenna at the Squirt website:
<http://www.njqrp.org/squirt/>

This kit is a homebrewer's delight. Not being satisfied to just make a plain ol' dipole available for the discount the club was able to get on the twinlead and wire, N2CX went yet another mile to create a simple built-in tuner that would allow this shortened dipole to be useful and efficient on 80m. And in classic "Gusher" tradition, Joe also provides detailed and step-by-step instructions on how to finish the raw materials supplied in the kit to produce the center insulator, the feedline connector, and the tuner frame.

Kit Contents ... here's the real deal:

- 2 - 33-34 foot lengths of wire for the dipole legs
- 1 - 45 foot length of 300 ohm twinlead
- 1 - 5 inch length of #18 ga. wire for feedline connector
- 1 - assortment of glass-epoxy pc board material for insulators, etc.
- 1 - 200 pf mica trimmer capacitor
- 1 - T68-2 toroid core
- 1 - 55 inch length of 26 or 28 ga magnet wire
- 1 - 6 inch length of solid hookup wire
- 1 - 4 inch nylon tie
- 1 - red 5-way binding post
- 1 - black 5-way binding post
- 1 - chassis-mount BNC receptacle
- 1 - comprehensive assembly and reference manual ... an N2CX trademark!

TO ORDER ... Write a check or M.O. made payable to "George Heron, N2APB" for \$19 + \$5 shipping (\$7 for Canada & DX) and send to:

George Heron, N2APB
2419 Feather Mae Court
Forest Hill, MD 21050

We have plenty in stock. N2CX has been collecting parts all summer waiting for the intro of the PSK-80 Warbler in order to provide a meaningful companion for that transceiver.

A full technical article describing this project is called "80 Meter Alchemy", and is coming out in the next issue of QRP Homebrewer, due to subscriber's before the end of October. And in N2CX-characteristic fashion, the manual provided in the kit, as well as the QHB article, are absolutely top-notch and filled with all sorts of additional background and reference material.

I'll be bringing along a handful of Squirts for QRPers to buy and get their hands on. This antenna kit is a great companion to the PSK-80 Warbler transceiver that we're also introducing at Pacificon this coming weekend. See me at the "NJQRP" vendor table!

72, George N2APB

n2apb@amsat.org
for the NJQRP Club at <http://www.njqrp.org>

Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 02:35:23 -0400
From: Richard Arland <k7sz@epix.net>
To: "Arthur J. Sposto" <asposto@epix.net>, "Bottiglieri, Joe, AA1GW" <aa1gw@arrl.org>, "Scanandoah, Alan" <ascanand@harris.com>, "Weinberg, Maty" <maty@arrl.org>, "William D. Harding" <wdharding@juno.com>, Ade Weiss W0RSP <aweiss@usd.edu>, Al Klase <skywaves@bw.webex.net>, Subject: [81563] Earthlink Cutover Completed
Message-ID: <39EE962B.ECA2AA16@epix.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Well....it looks like things are working as they should.

As of this evening (10-18-2000) the Epix account is officially dead and the Earthlink account is active.

I'm sending this mssg so you all can capture the new Earthlink e-mail address.

IF you should forget my address (forgetting me is darn near impossible) just use my ham callsing, K7SZ, and send it to the ARRL mssg forwarding service: k7sz@arrl.net and it will get to me.

73 Rich K7SZ

Date: Wed, 18 Oct 2000 21:39:28 -0500
From: Lew Paceley <lew@paceley.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [81564] The "Bubba Pole" Pickup Truck Antenna Support
Message-ID: <01bf01c03975\$cd69e540\$0332a8c0@roland.swbell.net>
MIME-version: 1.0
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Gang,
For those of you who own pickup trucks, you may be interested in a quick-to-erect 30' portable wire antenna support I constructed that uses the pickup truck as a base and costs about \$40, including the Black Widow 20'

fishin' pole. The "Bubba Pole" project is documented on the NorthEast Texas QRP Club website, www.netxqrp.org . Click on "project" on the menu bar and follow the link on the project page. We're a new club so the site's not quite filled out...please excuse the construction :-)

72/73,
Lew
N5ZE

Date: Wed, 18 Oct 2000 22:47:25 +0000
From: "Steven Weber" <kd1jv@moose.ncia.net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [81565] MS-15, correct url
Message-ID: <200010190322.XAA31174@wolf.ncia.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

Sorry, swapped two letters in typing the url for the ms-15 picture.

<http://auction.ncia.net/kbojack/ms-15.jpg>

72,
Steve, KD1JV in the white Mountains of New Hampshire
"melt solder"

Date: Wed, 18 Oct 2000 21:03:35 -0700
From: "Trevor Jacobs" <fxtech@earthlink.net>
To: <fflynn@together.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [81566] Re: milliwatt measuring?
Message-ID: <00af01c03981\$8fa39240\$c4100a0a@tjacobs>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
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Hi Fran,

A great QRP WATT Meter to have is the Oak Hills Research unit - I think WM-10. Was really easy to put together and align. Hope this helps...

Trev
KG6CYN

----- Original Message -----

From: "Fran Flynn" <fflynn@together.net>

To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Sent: Monday, October 16, 2000 6:09 PM

Subject: milliwatt measuring?

> Larry S Cahoon <wd3p@juno.com>, wrote:

>

> ...

> > I did go

> > up to 500 mWatts a few times. I went down to 10 mWatts for one QSO. The

> > main rig was the Sierra on 40 meters.

>

> When I need to measure power at that low a level I have to hook up

> my Tek 465 scope and measure p-p voltage into a 50ohm load, then punch

> numbers on a calculator for a little while. It seems like you

> must have a more convenient means of getting a power measurement.

> What's an easy way to measure milliwatts?

>

> Thanks!

>

> Km1z - Fran

>

Date: Wed, 18 Oct 2000 21:52:41 -0700

From: Thomas Upton <stjohn@ocsnet.net>

To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu, "stjohn@ocsnet.net" <stjohn@ocsnet.net>

Subject: [81567] Re: Elevated Radials / Butternut / Verts.

Message-ID: <39EE7E19.16AD869A@ocsnet.net>

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I agree with you, Ade. I have used what I call an "L" antenna for years. The Vertical leg is up around 8 ft for 40 meters, and the Horizontal leg stretches over the garage.

This is remarkably efficient -- of course, the general rule is to get "something" up there, and this certainly is something.

With the Horizontal leg going North, I have talked on SSB at one watt, and was perfectly readable (so I was told) from Central CA to Oregon, and had similar reports even off of the left rear lobe, in a round robin with LA in the same QSO.

I found out, too, that our houseguest had looped the horizontal end 4 or 5 times around a 12" ventilator! I already had the vertical leg hairpinned over a branch!

I'm late on this subject, as I get the Digest, but simply want to encourage vertical owners that one radial does work.

Tom Upton AD6N Porterville CA 36N @ 119 W

Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 01:53:32 -0400 (EDT)
From: Bob Patten <n4bp@bc.seflin.org>
To: Brian <brian@iquest.net>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [81568] Re: ARCI Fall Party This Weekend!
Message-ID: <Pine.3.89.10010190136.A17381-0100000@bc.seflin.org>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Wed, 18 Oct 2000, Brian wrote:

>

> Bob...TRY to contain your excitement!

>

But consider this: This weekend we may well have the best condx for an ARCI Party that we will have for the next eleven years. I worked a Mich mobile this afternoon on 15M. He was S9 +20db. He gave my 1W signal an S9 report from his FT-100 S-Meter. You can expect to hear a bunch of S9 signals from miliwatters over the weekend. It's gonna be that kind of condx.

73,

Bob Patten, N4BP , ' ' ' , (0 0) Plantation, FL

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E-Mail: n4bp@bc.seflin.org
Web Page: <http://www.qsl.net/n4bp>
Brass Pounder BBS: (954) 472-7715
QRP ARCI #3412 ARS #799 SOC #1 Whiners #6

Date: Wed, 18 Oct 2000 23:38:35 -0700
From: Mighty Mik <mightymik2@home.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [81569] rain at Pacificon??
Message-ID: <5.0.0.25.0.20001018233750.01f66d40@24.0.0.70>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

better watch the weather for the next coupla days...

Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 00:48:40 -0700
From: Dave Fifield <fifield@pacbell.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [81570] Re: Yaesu FT-817 QRP Rig...
Message-ID: <003e01c039a0\$ffa92680\$0600a8c0@pacbell.net>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

I spoke to the manager of my local ham store today about the FT-817. He told me that Yaesu were trying hard to get it out here before Christmas (of course!). The initial price would be around the high \$700's, coming down later (just like the FT-100). He said he'd have more information after he'd talked with the Yaesu boys at Pacificon this weekend - he'd let me know more next week. I got him to promise to allocate me one of the first ones he gets in.

The other thing I asked him to check out for me was a 55' trailer tower (weighs 6000lbs!). Imagine, QRPTTF with a nice big tri-bandner at 55' in the air on top of a local mountain or by the ocean etc.....I love it!

Cheers,
Dave F.
AD6A

Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 03:43:49 -0400 (EDT)
From: Doug Faunt N6TQS +1-510-655-8604 <faunt@panix.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [81571] Re: [81503] Epiphyte 3 has arrived!
Message-ID: <200010190743.DAA10552@panix3.panix.com>

I got mine yesterday, also. What I want is a reasonable source of the same TenTec box that Vern used. Any hints?

Is there a source that's likely to be at Pacificon?
73, doug- N6TQS

Date: Tue, 17 Oct 2000 19:07:57 -0700 (PDT)
From: ABCQRP <w6abc@yahoo.com>

I wonder how many of the lucky 100 got their kits as I did in the mail today? Now to see if there are any kits within the working radius of the San Francisco Bay Area to communicate with. That would be fun! Are there?

Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 10:57:33 +0300
From: Arjen Raateland <Arjen.Raateland@vyh.fi>
To: QRP-L <QRP-L@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [81572] Epiphyte mystery rig?
Message-ID: <39EEB77D.7196@vyh.fi>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

Hi all,

I must have missed something very important while I was on holiday (QRP-L subscription postponed). Epiphyte, ... wasn't that an 80/20 m SSB rig? (Well, at least in QRP-circles. In my job it would be a plant growing another plant ;-) not a parasite, though)

I couldn't find anything about an Epiphyte on the NorCal site, but I'm still curious. Is this the full-fledged SMD rig that was announced a good while ago?

73,

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Arjen Raateland
OH2ZAZ

Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 01:19:00 -0700
From: Dave Fifield <fifield@pacbell.net>
To: faunt@panix.com, Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [81573] Re: [81503] Epiphyte 3 has arrived!
Message-ID: <008601c039a5\$3c3d20c0\$0600a8c0@pacbell.net>
MIME-version: 1.0

Content-type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

Doug,

Tell me the size and I'll buy you one from our local store (Anchor) who stock the Ten-Tec cases. If you know the model number that will do. I'll buy it tomorrow and bring it to Pacificon with me. Anyone else who wants one too, let me know fast! I will only be able to get email up to about 9am Thursday am, after that I won't be able to get to the store before I go to P'con.

Cheers,
Dave Fifield, AD6A

----- Original Message -----

From: Doug Faunt N6TQS +1-510-655-8604 <faunt@panix.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2000 12:43 AM
Subject: Re: [81503] Epiphyte 3 has arrived!

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> same TenTec box that Vern used. Any hints?
> Is there a source that's likely to be at Pacificon?
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Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 06:44:52 -0400 (EDT)
From: n2go@arrl.net
To: Dave Fifield <fifield@pacbell.net>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [81574] Re: Yaesu FT-817 QRP Rig...
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.20.0010190631400.299-1000000@valhalla.v>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

They will have my interest when it comes down to the Under \$600 range. That is where the competing products are. Competition is a good thing. Qrp types will benefit from competition in the market. I would also like to see a cw filter as standard equipment.

Nobody wants the first units out. Just look at what the early FT100 owners and *beta testers* of other rigs went through. After the first iterations are returned for repairs or upgrades and appropriate price

adjustments; I'll be interested. No rush here. If you order one of the first expect to kiss the first few hundred dollars goodbye.

I bet they will come with *yaesu* main tune knobs as standard equipment :)
Any wagers?

73,

Jim n2go

Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 11:28:13 +0100
From: "Ken UK" <setiuk@talk21.com>
To: <DYARNES@aol.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [81575] Re: Yaesu FT-817 QRP Rig...
Message-ID: <010f01c039bb\$12e8fb20\$4fbb073e@KenUK>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit

HI from Ken in the UK.

This rig has been advertised for the last three month or so in the RSGB "RadCom". The price here in the UK is put at a "staggering" (the dealers claim, not mine) 799.00 or about, \$1158.00 !!!!.

"Staggering" sure is the word....."long live the K2".....cheers
all, Ken, G4KIR.

-----Original Message-----

From: DYARNES@aol.com <DYARNES@aol.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Date: Thursday, October 19, 2000 12:54 AM
Subject: Re: Yaesu FT-817 QRP Rig...

>In a message dated 10/18/00 1:29:35 PM US Mountain Standard Time,
>crmabbott@mediaone.net writes:

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><< I am a staunch supporter of QRP, but this is
> odd. I can get QRO rigs for the same price.
> This is starting to sound like, "double the price
> call it SUV and they will come....." >>

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>Are you sure? If the \$750 price I heard is right, that's not all that high.
>Remember, this is an all band rig--160 through 440 mhz! It's a junior
>FT-100. That sells for 1 kilobuck. Ten-Tec didn't knock that much off
>either when they sold the Scout versus the Argo.
>
>Dave W7AQK

Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 07:39:22 -0400
From: Chuck Ludinsky <cjl@mitre.org>
To: neqrp@jona1.net, qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [81576] NEQRP WQ1RP CW Net, 9:00 PM EDT, Thursday (0100Z, Friday), 3.561 MHz
Message-ID: <39EEDD6A.2E429442@mitre.org>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

The New England QRP Club's CW Net meets again on Thursday at 9:00 PM EDT (i.e., 0100Z, Friday) on or around 3.561 MHz. Net control op for Thursday's session will be John, K1RC, from Dracut, MA. Please stop by and say hello to John and everyone on the net.

Last week's net on 40 meters had 12 folks show up to unusual conditions, probably due to the solar events discussed by Paul Harden the preceding day. Contacts between stations in New England were often difficult, despite S9+ signals, due to rapid fading or multipath conditions best described as "wavering" or "watery" signals. At the same time, contacts between New England and the rest of the country were FB, even though signal levels were several S-units lower. Overall, the net seemed to go quite well, although handling the initial mini-pileup with multiple, strange, warbling signals was a bit of a challenge. Net control op was K1CL, Chuck.

Again... please stop by and join in the fun for Thursday's net.

72 DE K1CL,
Chuck.

Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 07:43:06 -0400
From: Duffer <hduff@ica.net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [81577] re: FT-817 QRP Rig...
Message-ID: <39EEDE4A.FE20C613@ica.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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Hugh VA3TO

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> Subject: Yaesu FT-817 QRP Rig...
> Date: Wed, 18 Oct 2000 08:06:10 -0700 (PDT)
> From: Chuck Mabbott <aa8vs@yahoo.com>
> To: FP QRP <fpqrp-l@mpna.com>, list QRP-C
<qrp-canada@lists.gpfn.sk.ca>
> CC: kb0vcc@yahoo.com
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> Chuck AA8VS
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Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 06:40:50 -0600 (MDT)
From: "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
To: QRP-L List <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>

Subject: [81578] Winter Cub Fox Hunt
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.10.10010190629540.789-100000@cannac.ampr.org>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Next Monday the QRP-L 40M Cub Foxhunt starts with a Fox that will send slowly enough to keep most new Hams with him. The Hunt has a web page you should look at every week to see what's up. To get to this use:

www.qsl.net/k5di/fox/

There are many pages you will click on and learn Why and How this Hunt is for you. There are Hams who have volunteered to be Fox. They are all good operators and will work with you.

The web page is a copy from the high speed web page with changes that seemed necessary. As the webmaster of this site I only hope it's almost correct and useful this winter. Over time it will be 100% correct.

The main reason for a Fox Hunt is that they are FUN. If 30 words per minute code is a blur to you, try this contest.

Yours Truly,

- Karl F. Larsen, k5di@arrl.net (505) 524-3303 -

Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 12:39:55 +0100
From: "Steve Sorrell" <ap036@detroit.freenet.org>
To: <hduff@ica.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [81579] Re: FT-817 QRP Rig...
Message-ID: <002d01c039c1\$5056a1a0\$88fa070a@default>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I guess this means he won't be buying one, K2 that is.
de Steve, W8SFF

----- Original Message -----
From: "Duffer" <hduff@ica.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2000 12:43
Subject: re: FT-817 QRP Rig...

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> > Date: Wed, 18 Oct 2000 08:06:10 -0700 (PDT)
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Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 08:53:29 -0400
From: TJM <tjmc@erols.com>
To: hduff@ica.net, Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [81580] Re: FT-817 QRP Rig...
Message-ID: <39EEEEEC9.5417D6D4@erols.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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> nuts for them but when a Japanese company releases
> an even cooler QRP rig, out pours the skepticism.
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Hugh,

IMHO, the K2 is more than just the radio... It's the building/learning process that goes with it.

Not to mention the fact that the K2 can be fixed by the builder if something goes wrong later (I 'd like to see how many could repair their 817).

Last, I've been burnt by "Y" before ... I had one of the early 847's and I don't like the way it seems like betas get released to the public. I won't be the first run buyer agn. It may turn out to be a great QRP rig, we'll see

best
Tom aa2vk

Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 08:59:21 -0400
From: "Paul Christensen" <paulc@mediaone.net>
To: <tjmc@erols.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [81581] Re: FT-817 QRP Rig...
Message-ID: <009101c039cc\$6714c560\$0a668118@tci.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

> Last, I've been burnt by "Y" before ... I had one of the early 847's and
> I don't like the way it seems like betas get released to the public.

Good point Tom. What other equipment manufacturer other than Elecraft painstakingly documents their product and places it through a true alpha and beta (test users) before launching the product to the amateur public? Let's compare K2 fatalities against the Yaesu FT-100. Any care to guess on the outcome?

-Paul, W9AC

Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 09:17:39 +0000
From: John R Kirby <n3aaz-qrp@juno.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [81582] Re: AM BC RFI Problem?
Message-ID: <20001019.091745.-156779.0.n3aaz-qrp@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Subject: AM BC RFI Problem?
and
Subject: Capacitor Values No Problem

Remember too,
you can also parallel capacitors . . .

For example . . .
1300 pF (0.0013 uF) is the required value . . .
. . . but only 1200 and 1500 pF are available.

Buy a 1200 pF and a 100 pF (for 1300pF in parallel).

John
N3AAZ
FM19xa

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<http://dl.www.juno.com/get/tagj>.

Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 06:30:04 -0700
From: Jerry Parker <jparker@fix.net>
To: qrp-1@LeHigh.edu
Subject: [81583] Pacificon Weather
Message-ID: <2.2.32.20001019133004.0070c654@fix.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

Weather from <http://www.weatherforyou.com> for Concord California

Today

Clear=20

Temp: 56=B0F (13=B0C)=20

Humidity: 90%=20

Wind Speed: S 8 MPH =20

Barometer: 30.07S in. (1018 mb)=20

Dewpoint: 53=B0F (12=B0C)=20

Heat Index: 56=B0F (13=B0C)=20

Wind Chill: 50=B0F (10=B0C)=20

=20

=20

Forecast for Concord, California

=20

TODAY =3D Mostly Sunny

FRIDAY =3D Increasing Clouds 65 F

SATURDAY =3D Partly Cloudy 65 F

SUNDAY and MONDAY =3D Mostly Clear 75 F 45 F

=20

Date: Wed, 18 Oct 2000 17:04:53 -0500

From: clifton w sikes <n5uw@juno.com>

To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu

Subject: [81584] Re: For Sale

Message-ID: <20001018.170456.-184907.5.n5uw@juno.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

The 40-9'er and TT 291 are spoken for. Thanks to all.

Clif N5UW (EX AB5UA)

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Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 08:41:56 -0500

From: "Gary Lee Phillips" <ka9nzi@arrl.net>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [81585] [81544] Re: power measureing your scope ?
Message-ID: <200010191341.IAA21392@mail.lib.colum.edu>

OK, I've been following this thread with some interest.
It has always been my understanding that for accurate
RF power measurements, some kind of rectifying arrangement
(the "RF probe") is really essential.

Many authors discuss the construction of such a probe
for use with either an oscilloscope or a VTVM. None that
I have read, however, discuss calibration and accuracy.
It seems to me that calibration is critical for this
arrangement (especially if you build your own probe) and
without some kind of precision standard for comparison,
how would you do it?

Perhaps this is supposed to be obvious, but I readily admit
that I often don't see things that other people think are
obvious. Fortunately for me, I haven't been worried about
measuring milliwatt power levels, only with making sure that
I was below 5 watts if I planned to claim QRP status. But
still the question bugs me...

-- Gary Phillips, Marengo, IL <mailto:ka9nzi@arrl.net>
KA9NZI, Seneca Twp., McHenry Co., IL Grid: EN52rg
QRP-L #2124 <http://www.qsl.net/ka9nzi/>

Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 07:58:18 -0600
From: "al dawkins" <alk0frp@home.com>
To: <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [81586] Arci Fall QSO party
Message-ID: <009401c039d4\$a2c8ea20\$0300a8c0@j5m9s4>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

It's Fall QSO party time. This is a 36 hour contest with 24 hour max
operating time. All Bands, and with the propagation looking good 15 and 10
meters should be very good. I will frequent 10 and 15m. You can work all
stations on different bands. There are also different categories High bands
Low bands and single band. So if you have a single band QRP rig go for it.
DX is also a category. A good chance to work new states and DX.

I will have my monobanders east and a tribander west so if you are on the left coast and hear my weak sig I can instantly switch west. 40m should be good.

I will also QSY to 10 or 15m from 20m just to get the multipliers. The score really zooms with extra mults.

Be there call often, I will QSY or SLOW down for anyone. We have put together a great team of fantastic operators "The Aluminum Kings" K7RE, N0UR, N4BP, WJ1R and myself. I will be there in full force. I will be at 1 watt (higher multiplier) but the heliax feedline and antenna gain make up for the low power.

Be there call often.

Al K0FRP

Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 07:33:07 -0700 (PDT)
From: Gil Kellersman <gilkell13@yahoo.com>
To: ap036@detroit.freenet.org, Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [81587] Re: FT-817 QRP Rig...
Message-ID: <20001019143307.25098.qmail@web2303.mail.yahoo.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

What is the proposed price for the 817? Thanks. Gil
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> is.
> de Steve, W8SFF
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> To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion"
> <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
> Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2000 12:43
> Subject: re: FT-817 QRP Rig...
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Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 09:36:47 -0400
From: Jim - qrp/cw <kw3u@warwick.net>
To: low pwr qrp <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [81588] xtals ft-243 wanted
Message-ID: <39EEF8EF.3D31CB57@warwick.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi Gang;

a couple years ago someone on the list? was
selling novice/general ft-243's as five packs i believe.
If anyone has any to part with please let me know (Direct)
as I am tinkering with couple old BA's here...qrp of course.
also interested in an HG-10 vfo. many tnx
Jim kw3u

Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 11:47:34 -0400
From: Ed Kessler <edkess@epix.net>
To: QRP-L <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [81589] ATTN: Tony, RE: EZ Cartridges
Message-ID: <39EF1796.96BDCF6A@epix.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Apologies,

My Email program crashed as I was receiving your last message. Please
send it again.

Thanks
Ed AA3SJ

Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 12:46:46 -0400
From: Ken Newman <N2CQ@citnet.com>
To: epaqrp-l@lehigh.edu, QRP-L@lehigh.edu, njqrp@njqrp.org
Subject: [81590] CONTEST: QRP Contest Calendar - Oct 21/22
Message-ID: <3.0.6.32.20001019124646.007bf530@mail.citnet.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

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QRP CONTEST CALENDAR

October 21/22, 2000

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Arkansas QSO Party (CW/PH/PSK31) ... QRP Category

Oct 21 - 0000z to 2359z

Rules: <http://www.arrl.org/contests/months/oct.html>
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JARTS WW RTTY Contest

Oct 21 - 0000z to Oct 22 - 2400z

Rules: <http://www.sk3bg.se/contest/jartsry.htm>  
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Asia-Pacific Sprint (CW)

Oct 21 0000z to 0200z

Rules: <http://www.jsfc.org/apsprint/>
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Rhode Island QSO Party (CW/SSB) ... QRP Category

Oct 21 - 0000z to Oct 22 - 2400z

Rules: <http://www.99main.com/~ctri/rules.htm>  
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QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party (CW) *** QRP Contest ***

Oct 21 - 1200z to Oct 22 - 2400z

Rules: <http://personal.palouse.net/rfoltz/arci/fall.htm>
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Virginia QRP Society Fall QSO Party \*\*\* QRP Contest \*\*\*

Oct 21 - 1200z to Oct 22 - 2400z

(Piggyback to QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party)

Rules: [Http://www.qsl.net/vqs](http://www.qsl.net/vqs)

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Worked All Germany Contest (CW/SSB) ... QRP Category

Oct 21 - 1500z to Oct 22 - 1459z

Rules: <http://www.darc.de/referate/dx/fedcg.htm>

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RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest (CW) ... QRP Category

Oct 22 - 0700z to 1900z

Rules: <http://www.arrl.org/contests/months/oct.html>

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Illinois QSO Party (CW/PH)

Oct 22 - 1800z to Oct 23 - 0200z

Rules: <http://www.megsinet.com/~jematz/ilqso00.html>

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AND LATER.....

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Zombie Shuffle (CW) *** QRP CONTEST ***

Oct 27 - 1800 Local to 2400 Local (Any 4 hour period)

Rules: <http://members.nbci.com/n0qt/zombie.htm>

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Ten-Ten International Net Fall QSO Party (CW) ... QRP Category

Oct 28 - 0000z to Oct 29 - 2400z

Rules: <http://listserv.lehigh.edu/lists/tenten-1/rules.html>

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CQ WW DX Contest (SSB) ... QRP Category

Oct 28 - 0000z to Oct 29 - 2400z

Rules: <http://cqwww.com/2000rules.htm>

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72 de                                   \*\*\*\* QRP Contest Calendar \*\*\*\*  
Ken Newman - N2CQ                   <http://www.njqrp.org/data/contesting.html>  
N2CQ@ARRL.NET                       <http://www.n3epa.org/Pages/Contest/contest.htm>  
                                     <http://www.qs1.net/cqrp/contests.html>

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Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 12:58:45 -0400  
From: "George Heron N2APB" <n2apb@erols.com>  
To: "NJQRP" <NJQRP@njqr.org>, "QRP-L" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [81591] PSK-80 Warblers going fast!  
Message-ID: <006c01c039ed\$de00ca40\$0100000a@gheron>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
          charset="iso-8859-1"  
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The response to the new NJQRP kit called the "PSK-80 Warbler" has been astounding! We did a large batch of kits for this first round and I'll bet that by the time I return from Pacificon, they'll all be gone.

If you emailed to say that your check was in the mail, and if I responded, you will indeed be getting one of the first round kits as soon as we receive your order in the mail. I'm taking all remaining "non-reserved" Warblers to Pacificon with me for sale there and I don't expect too bring many back.

So, given that I'm unplugging right now and heading for the airport ... if you haven't already reserved your Warbler, or if I don't have your order in my mailbox this morning, you'll have to wait for the next round of kits to be made up. It shouldn't be too long, but it won't be right away.

Thanks for the support everyone. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at Pacificon this weekend!!

73, George N2APB  
n2apb@amsat.org  
for the NJQRP at <http://www.njqrp.org>

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Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 12:01:22 -0500  
From: "George, W5YR" <w5yr@att.net>  
To: n3aaz-qrp@juno.com  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [81592] Re: AM BC RFI Problem?  
Message-ID: <39EF28E2.226CDA79@att.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
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John makes a good point: one can "build up" almost any desired component value for basic components such as resistors, capacitors and inductors by assembling combinations of units.

It is an illuminating arithmetic exercise to take a look at the tolerances of two seriesed or paralalled components and determine the overall tolerance of the combination. Sometimes we achieve the desired nomimal value based upon component markings but the actual values will fall within the composite tolerance range.

It is left as an exercise for the reader to work out the details. The picture is even more interesting with three, four or X components.

Interesting stuff . . .

72/73, George    W5YR - the Yellow Rose of Texas            NETXQRP 6

Fairview, TX    30 mi NE Dallas in Collin county            QRP-L 1373  
Amateur Radio W5YR, in the 55th year and it just keeps getting better!  
Icom IC-756 PRO #02121 (9/00) Kachina #91900556 (12/99) IC-765 (6/90)

John R Kirby wrote:

>  
> Subject: AM BC RFI Problem?  
> and  
> Subject: Capacitor Values No Problem  
>  
> Remember too,  
> you can also parallel capacitors . . .



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> For example . . .  
> 1300 pF (0.0013 uF) is the required value . . .  
> . . . but only 1200 and 1500 pF are available.  
>  
> Buy a 1200 pF and a 100 pF (for 1300pF in parallel).

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Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 12:35:40 -0700  
From: "Jim Crooke" <crooke@prodigy.net>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [81593] Zombie number  
Message-ID: <00bb01c03a03\$c47097c0\$0101a8c0@workstation1>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
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How does one get a Zombie number?

72 es oo's Jim KJ0C (ex WB0HQV)  
Healer of Brachycephalics and other fine looking creatures in Springfield,  
MO  
QRP-L # 2100, SOC # 37, #-108 and semi-official vet of the Flying Pigs  
QRP, member of the Night Owl Fox Hunters

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Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 11:01:05 -0700  
From: Scott Gregson - KC7MAS <emtech@steadynet.com>  
To: qrp-l <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [81594] An apology..., and a thank you!  
Message-ID: <39EF36E1.56B3D9DA@steadynet.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Bit off more than I had time for. Here it is the eve of Pacificon and I  
haven't finished the card program I started. I guess I should have  
thought a little more before I committed to do it.

I will finish it (eventually) because it fits into the plans for my  
wife's prenanacy related web site. When done, it will let you pick out a  
background image for either a business card sized QSL card or a regular  
sized QSL card and enter your data. It will then format the thing for  
you and let you print from your browser.

Sorry I choked on this one guys, I wanted to be an encouragement for Pacificon even though we're not able to go.

Also, due to the NE602 shortage, we were stuck with orders we could not fill. Eric at Elecraft saw the shortage coming and stocked up way back when. He also graciously provided me with some to cover my orders. Thank you Eric, and thank you Elecraft (both for you help, and good product).

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Scott Gregson - KC7MAS  
emtech@steadynet.com  
<http://emtech.steadynet.com>  
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Scott Gregson Co. / Emtech / CFC

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Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 14:26:59 -0400  
From: Ken Newman <N2CQ@citnet.com>  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [81595] Re: Cub FOX Hunt Question  
Message-ID: <3.0.6.32.20001019142659.0080d340@mail.citnet.com>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Hi Doc,

I somehow missed the FOX and FOX Cub events schedules and rules. Is there a webpage that I can link to? Thanks much.

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Ken Newman - N2CQ                    == QRP CONTEST CALENDAR ==  
Woodbury, NJ                    <http://www.njqrp.org/data/contesting.html>  
N2CQ@ARRL.NET

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Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 13:50:25 -0500  
From: "Mike Branca" <w3irz@att.net>  
To: <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [81596] Re: NoGaWatt SWR/Watt meter kits available again  
Message-ID: <010d01c039fd\$71e02d00\$0d394d0c@default>

MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I want to thank all those who responded to our kit offer. The 65 kits have been spoken for and any further requests will be kept and if there are any cancellations (there usually are) you will be notified. The following kits have either been shipped or will go out tomorrow: 51, 52, 55, 57, 58, 59, 61, 66, 68, 85, 91, 96, 98, &106.

TNX Mike Branca W3IRZ in Conyers Georgia

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Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 12:57:02 -0600 (MDT)  
From: "Paul Harden, NA5N" <na5n@rt66.com>  
To: qrp-canada@lists.gpfn.sk.ca, qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [81597] ZOMBIE SHUFFLE INFO  
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.4.10.10010191223230.17154-1000000@shell.rt66.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

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Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 15:12:28 -0400  
From: "David Maliniak" <dmaliniak@verticalnet.com>  
To: <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [81598] QRPer gains high professional honor  
Message-ID: <002a01c03a00\$86db3da0\$1c01a8c0@vertical.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

National Semiconductor names Dennis Monticelli as National Semiconductor Fellow  
10/19/00 National Semiconductor Corp. (Santa Clara, CA) has named Dennis Monticelli to the position of National Semiconductor Fellow, the company's highest technical position. Previously vice president of the Power Management Division, Dennis now serves as Chief Technologist in the Analog Products Group.

Dennis is AE6C and if I'm not mistaken, he co-wrote the main article in the ARRL book "QRP Power" on beefing up the NE 40-40. So he's one of ours!

Congratulations, Dennis!

72,  
David N2SMH  
Glen Rock, NJ

Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 15:18:52 -0400  
From: "Techno" <res043pa@gte.net>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [81599] For Trade: Epiphyte 3  
Message-ID: <005301c03a01\$6b90bd80\$c76a1b3f@cdf>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
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Hello All,  
Received my Epiphyte 3 kit today. Open it up, looked at everything , put it all back in its box an reseald it. Will trade it for a working, not beat up, 10 meter mobile rig. Don't care as to what brand it is, just as long as it is not a converted CB or a CB wannabe radio. Want it for 10 meter Psk. Please reply privately

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|------------------------|-------------|
| W4CDF                  | QRP-L #1752 |
| Charles D. Feigley Sr. | Soc #394    |
| 1516 Toledo St         | FPqrp #157  |
| Holiday, Florida       |             |
| 34690-5854             |             |
| EL88PE                 |             |

Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 13:27:19 -0600  
From: "Rod Cerkoney" <n0rc@hotmail.com>  
To: <na5n@rt66.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [81600] Re: ZOMBIE SHUFFLE INFO  
Message-ID: <OE23Y60ISo1WYi3Nnds00000986@hotmail.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"  
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Hi Paul:

----- Original Message -----

From: "Paul Harden, NA5N" <na5n@rt66.com>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2000 12:57 PM  
Subject: ZOMBIE SHUFFLE INFO

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I beg to differ, there is a point, TO GET ON THE AIR AND HAVE SOME FUN! ;-)

And a very excellent point it is!

My plan: 4 hours on 40m with 4W, evenly split between 7040 & 7110.

73, Rod NØRC

Ft Collins CO ZOMBIE #645 Waxing up the ol' dipole & gettin' ready

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Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 19:34:44 +0100

From: Arjen Raateland <Arjen.Raateland@vyh.fi>

To: w3irz@att.net, QRP-L <QRP-L@lehigh.edu>

Subject: [81601] Re: NoGaWatt SWR/Watt meter kits available again

Message-ID: <39EF3EC4.261FFB96@vyh.fi>

MIME-version: 1.0

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Mike Branca wrote:

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Hi,

I looked for info about this kit on the NoGa web pages, but there wasn't any. I must have missed the kit offer, while on holiday and having the QRP-L list suspended.

Just being curious perhaps, but is there any info on this kit somewhere on the web?

73,

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Arjen Raateland  
SAS Support  
Finnish Environment Institute, Helsinki

AX.25: OH2ZAZ@OH2RBI.FIN.EU

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Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 16:01:36 -0400  
From: Sam Billingsley <SBillingsley@usaninc.com>  
To: "\_AAAA\_NOGA\_onlist (E-mail)" <nogaqrp@qth.net>, "Klqrp\_Submit (E-mail)" <klqrp@applegate.org>, "Qrpl\_Submit (E-mail)" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [81602] NiMH Battery Issue with MFJ 259B Analyzer  
Message-ID: <058CBAE0931FD411B70E00805FCD5D4254EC27@mailserver2.usan.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
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Any other ideas?

Sam AE4GX

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Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 20:08:14 +0100  
From: "Steve Sorrell" <ap036@detroit.freenet.org>  
To: <na5n@rt66.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [81603] Re: ZOMBIE SHUFFLE INFO  
Message-ID: <002c01c039ff\$ef746400\$88fa070a@default>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
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Paul, the Zombie Badge is not just a "simple" badge!!! Its a high quality, genuine plastic badge and commands respect wherever it is worn! I have personally worn it twice to Dayton and had the crowds part for the one wearing "THE BADGE" It is indeed a badge of distinction and I will cherish mine always.

de Steve, W8SFF Zombie # 557 Specialist MJ12

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Subject: [81604] Re: [NoGaQRP] NiMH Battery Issue with MFJ 259B Analyzer  
Message-ID: <39EF55A4.40C598C9@mindspring.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
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> Submissions nogaqrp@qth.net -- To unsubscribe, send majordomo@qth.net a msg.  
Put "unsubscribe nogaqrp" in body.

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Mike Boatright, K04WX  
Assistant Section Emergency Coordinator,  
GA Section Amateur Radio Emergency Service

A rock pile ceases to be a rock pile the moment a single man  
contemplates it, bearing within him the image of a cathedral.  
Antoine de Saint-Exupery

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Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 16:50:13 EDT  
From: K2UD@aol.com  
To: faunt@panix.com  
Cc: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [81605] Re: [81503] Epiphyte 3 has arrived!  
Message-ID: <50.c5485db.2720b885@aol.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"  
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Try Ten-Tec for the Ten-Tec case! They sell direct to customers. Don't  
forget to order the adhesive feet if you order the TP series cases. They  
don't come with them.

72 all

Howard Kraus, K2UD

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Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 16:07:03 -0500  
From: markmilburn <markmilburn@netzero.net>  
To: QRP-L <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [81606] QRP Quarterly magazine  
Message-ID: <39EF6277.8E3BE082@netzero.net>  
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The QRP Quarterly for October has been printed and is in the process of being mailed. This is a reminder to check your mailing label on the envelope before discarding it to see if you need to renew. Your label will show the date of the last issue in your current subscription. The info on the labels was sent to the printer about October 3rd, so if you sent in your renewal about that time or later, don't be dismayed if it isn't reflected. You can also check your subscription status on the club web page at [qrparci.org](http://qrparci.org) "member lookup".

72 Mark, KQ0I

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Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 17:19:02 EDT  
From: Dean W Manley <kh6b@juno.com>  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Cc: kh6b@juno.com  
Subject: [81607] OT: Semiconductor Industry Terminology  
Message-ID: <20001019.111905.5391.0.kh6b@juno.com>

Hi elite group,

I have a friend in Poland that is trying to translate the following into his native language. He's having a problem the term "wafer" and context of it's meaning. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

>"F. Materials, Inc., is a global growth company and the  
>world's largest supplier of wafer fabrication systems and  
>services to the global semiconductor industry"  
>  
>Silicon wafers ?  
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>73 de irek

You may e-mail me off the list at:

kh6b@juno.com

Thank you,  
Aloha,  
Dean KH6B

Hilo Hawaii

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Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 17:28:48 -0400  
From: "Hare,Ed, W1RFI" <w1rfi@arrl.org>  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [81608] RE: Yaesu FT-817 QRP Rig...  
Message-ID: <125490A005E3D3118C9C00805FC743CC015E0904@kahless.arrl.org>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
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>> So, despite Yaesu's denial of its existance in  
>> the U.S. it seems it will be a reality very  
>> soon (likely pending FCC type acceptance). Just  
>> thought I'd mention it, since there was so much  
>> interest in this rig before.

> It's also now on the Yaesu website. Guess they are  
> getting ready to roll it Out. I thought they might  
> wait until Dayton, but guess not. Wonder if I might  
> possibly see it at Pacificon?????

Chip Margelli was bragging about it at the SW Division Convention in Scottsdale, AZ. Though it was NOT being offered for sale, one was hanging off his belt and he was doing demos. He even let me borrow it for one of my talks; I was talking on RFI to hams and used it to show off my 80 M DFing loop on a local 3.53 MHz wireless modem jack source.

I bet Chip would be pleased to bring it to the QRP gathering at some point at Pacificon. :-)

I may want to get one for the Lab for some of the field measurements I have been doing on HF and VHF; it will be nice to have it all in one small, light radio. I just went to Scottsdale to do some measuremnts of the installed VDSL system there and my suitcase was might heavy from my TS-440. :-)

73,  
Ed Hare, W1RFI

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Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 17:19:42 -0400  
From: George Murphy <VE3ERP@ENCODE.COM>  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Message-ID: <4.3.2.7.0.20001019165928.00a8b730@ENCODE.COM>  
Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

I apologize for my recent tasteless attempt at humor posted on the list. Dark humor is part of my life. I count on it to help me through the terrible days when I, perhaps unreasonably, constantly worry about the welfare of my son, a career soldier, when he is constantly and voluntarily serving as a member of the Canadian Armed Forces contingent of the U.N. peacekeeping forces in places like Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, and until a few weeks ago, Yugoslavia.

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Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 15:38:52 -0600 (MDT)  
From: "Paul Harden, NA5N" <na5n@rt66.com>  
To: qrp-canada@lists.gpfn.sk.ca, qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [81610] Re: [ZOMBIE SHUFFLE INFO]  
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.4.10.10010191532170.19636-1000000@shell.rt66.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On 19 Oct 2000, M Goins wrote:

> Did I miss where you said how to get a number? I want one and an ID badge, and  
> a decoder ring, etc. Count me in.  
>  
> mike  
> wb5yjx

Sorry gang,  
Somehow, the 2nd half of the ZOMBIE SHUFFLE INFO post got lost (truncated for you techies) that explains how to get a zombie number or badge, etc. Unfortunately, that file is on my home computer, not the one I'm on now. I will repost it in its entirety, later today when I get home. It takes a true zombie to figure out how to lose half your post :-)

72, Paul NA5N  
Zombie #004

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Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 17:37:26 -0400  
From: "Paul Christensen" <paulc@mediaone.net>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [81611] WBL V22 Keyer Paddle Finally Arrives!

Message-ID: <00d901c03a14\$f2e00b20\$0a668118@tci.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
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It's true...a new WBL V22-1 arrived today in the mail, along with a new Schurr Profi. However, it didn't come from Stan! I promised not to reveal my secret source for new-old-stock keys!

The more I experiment with iambic keys, the more I realize their personalities are more diversified than the common household cat!

I presently own a Brown Brothers BTL, Hensley Round Presentation, an original Hills 'FYO, and HAL FYO iambic paddles. Without a doubt, the accuracy of machining for the purpose of manufacturing keys has substantially improved over the past three decades.

The Brown Bothers was my first iambic key from the late '70s. I purchased it after HAL corporation decided to suspend production of the HAL FYO iambic key: I recall seeing one at the HAL booth during the Wheaton, Illinois Hamfest in 1973. I wanted one in the worst way, but as a kid, I simply couldn't afford it.

While working for an ethnic radio station in Chicago, I managed to save enough cash to purchase the Brown in 1977 after receiving much advice and recommendations from several members of the Joliet Amateur Radio Society. The Brown served me well for two years until I departed for College at Northern Illinois University, and said goodbye to ham radio for over a ten year period.

After college, marriage and the beginnings of a new career, I re-entered the amateur "work force" in the early '90s. I got back into the hobby in a feverish way and began brushing up on my CW skills and quickly reached the point where I had left off some ten years earlier! I then began searching for the perct CW key. I first looked at the Bencher. Nice, but too much flex in in the levers. I then tried the Kent, Jones, Nye, and others. Each had a much different feel from the other, but I finally went back to the Brown BTL. Maybe it was the comfort factor. During this time, I began collecting old keys and in my pursuits, found two original Hills FYOs in mint condition, several early Browns, and gosh-darnit after all this time....I finally found the HAL FYO. I couldn't wait to try it again after all that time had passed since the Wheaton Hamfest. "Gee, this feels kinda' starng...Perhaps it needs some adjusting...and why all this contact bounce?" I thought to myself. What a dissapointment! The search must go on for the elusive perefect CW key.

About four years ago, I began reading about the N2DAN Mercury, March R3A,



the WBL V2L, Schurr Profi, and more recently, the Hensley. I liked them all for different reasons, but the Hensley and WBLs were in a class by themselves. I purchased the Hensley about a year ago and have been thrilled with this work of precision and art ever since. But what about the WBL? OK, it was finally time to order one. I called Stan, placed my order and waited...and waited...and waited...until I recently discovered that Stan had made a decision to cease production of these incredible keys. Man, what rotten timing I thought? Now what? Well, I then came across the Schurr Profi and V22-1 almost by accident (I'm still not revealing my source). The WBL is what everyone says it is and more. It may not be quite as bold and precise as the Hensley, but it's damn close and actually offers a greater latitude in adjustment. Both of these keys are forever keepers. The Schurr? Don't know yet. The Profi is another precise and accurate key. However, it's shortcoming is that the metal paddle arms stop too far short of the hand. The result is a slight flexing of the plastic...something I absolutely hate in a key. When the contact closes, I demand that the lever stops and goes absolutely no further. It seems like several other keys could come close to meeting this criteria, if it wasn't for this fatality!

See you on the air soon with the WBLs and thanks for extra bandwidth!

72/73,

-Paul, W9AC

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Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 15:49:21 MDT  
From: "Carlos Caro" <cjcaro35@hotmail.com>  
To: VE3ERP@ENCODE.COM, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [81612] Re:  
Message-ID: <F189etVoMDrxxnSYe4n0000c21d@hotmail.com>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

George,

Don't beat yourself up too much. My eldest daughter is an Army Doctor who has also worn the blue beanie in Macedonia and just returned from a tour in Kosovo. Since she was out in the villages doing MedCaps my wife would NOT let me change the TV from CNN and I know how the parents of all our military children feel. Your attempt at humor was just that and I personally was not offended. Some are more sensitive than others and some even over-react.

Regards.

Carlos #1333

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Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 03:35:08 -0700  
From: Randy Foltz <rfoltz@turbonet.com>  
To: qrp1\_post <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [81613] ARCI QRP Fall QSO Party  
Message-ID: <39EECE5C.1974B816@turbonet.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
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The 2000 ARCI QRP Fall QSO Party will be held October 21 1200Z through October 22 2400Z. You may work a maximum of 24 hours of the 36 hour period. This is a CW contest.

The exchange is RST, state/province/country, and ARCI member number or power level if you're not a member. We have member numbers over 10,000 so don't be surprised by 5 digit numbers.

Scoring is the usual ARCI method. QSO points are 5 for a member, 4 points for a non-member on a different continent, and 2 points for a non-member on the same continent. Multipliers are states/provinces/countries (SPC) for all bands. SPCs count once per band. Power mulsts are x1 for greater than 5 w, x7 for 1 to 5 watts, x10 for 250 mW to 1 watt, and x15 for less than 250 mW. The highest power used determines the multiplier. The final score is QSO points X total SPCs X power multiplier.

Activity will congregate around the standard 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 m QRP frequencies.

Team competition is encouraged. A team consists of 2 to 5 individuals. A team does not have to be located together. It can be scattered across the country or across nations for that matter. Teams may also consist of multi-operator stations as long as there are no more than 5 transmitters on

the air at a single time. This is intended to allow clubs to set up stations and have several members operate in the contest. The team captain must send a list of members to me before the contest begins.

There is on line scoring form at  
<http://personal.palouse.net/rfoltz/arci/arcisums.htm>

After the contest use the High Claimed Scores Report Form at  
<http://personal.palouse.net/rfoltz/arci/form.htm> I will  
post the High Claimed scores each day by 9:00 pm Pacific  
Time at <http://personal.palouse.net/rfoltz/arci/highclm.htm>  
and the soapbox comments at  
<http://personal.palouse.net/rfoltz/arci/soapbox.htm>

Complete rules may be found at  
<http://personal.palouse.net/rfoltz/arci/fall.htm>

73,  
Randy, K7TQ  
ARCI QRP Contest Manager

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